

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: In 1962 the Congress and the President of the United States signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officer Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as "Police Week"; and

Whereas: Every day there are 900,000 law enforcement officers throughout our nation who work selflessly protecting their fellow Americans, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

Whereas: This service comes at a price with 16,000 assaults on law enforcement officers annually averaging 160 officers killed each year in the line of duty, **with a 29% decrease in Line-of-Duty deaths in 2012**, with **one** making the ultimate sacrifice in our state this past year; and

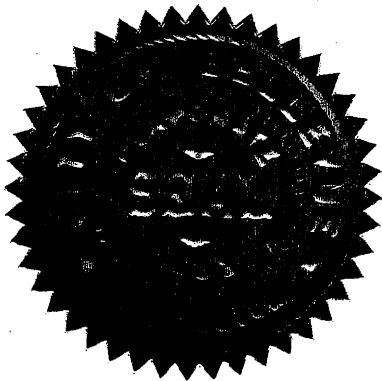
Whereas: The dedicated men and women of the Bellevue Police Department provide this vital public service day and night enforcing the law, safeguarding the lives and property, rights and freedom of every community member;

Now, therefore, I, Conrad Lee, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the City's recognition and appreciation of our law enforcement officers, past and present, by designating this week as

National Police Week

in recognition of the service given by these men and women who stand guard to preserve the rights and security of all citizens.

Further, the City Council calls upon the citizens of Bellevue to observe May 15, 2013 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day in honor of those fallen law enforcement officers and those who became disabled in the performance of their duty, and recognize and offer our respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.



Conrad Lee
Mayor